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Scott S. Harris, Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, N.E. Washington D.C. 20543-0001

Re:

Shimon Waronker v. Hempstead Union Free School District et al.

No. 19.893

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above captioned matter was filed on January 15, 2020, and placed on the docket on January 17. Respondents' response is currently due by February 18, 2020.

On behalf of all Respondents, I respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time for 30 days to and including March 19, 2020, within which to prepare and file a response. The petition presents issues involving the scope of First Amendment protection for speech by a public official. Given the press of other business, the requested extension is necessary for Respondents' counsel to analyze the supposed split of authority alleged in the certiorari petition, and prepare a cogent response that fully addresses any issues that might otherwise be waived by operation of Rule 15.2. Among other things, during the time currently allowed for preparing the response, undersigned counsel has the following other professional commitments, including arbitrations previously scheduled.

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I am authorized to represent the Petitioner consents to the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted, THE SCHEB LAW FIRM, LLP

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